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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NORTH ATLANTIC FARES

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1. WHILE CAB, AS INDICATED REFTTEL, CONSIDERING ACTION TO TAKE IN LIGHT OF APPELATE COURT DECISION, WHATEVER CAB DOES TO GET THROUGH 1973, IT APPEARS CLEAR CAB WILL FIND IT MOST DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO APPROVE CONTINUATION OF STATUS QUO IN PATTERN OF NORTH ATLANTIC AIR FARES FOR 1974.

2. IT THEREFORE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO USG THAT REPORTS INDICATE THERE ARE CURRENTS WITHIN IATA FAVORING CONTINUANCE OF STATUS QUO FOR 1974, PERHAPS WITH SOME UNIFORM C-O-L ADJUSTMENT AS WAS CASE IN 1973 IATA AGREEMENT.

3. IN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE MORE CREATIVE THINKING ON PART OF INDUSTRY, CAB CONSIDERING ISSUANCE IN NEXT FEW DAYS OF TWO POLICY STATEMENTS; ONE EXPRESSING CAB VIEWS ON WHAT SHOULD BE REALISTIC MINIMUM PRICES FOR CHARTERS AND SECOND OUTLINING BOARD'S THOUGHTS ON SCHEDULED SERVICE TARIFFS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: POST SHOULD BRING FOREGOING TO ATTENTION HOST GOVERNMENT AND EXPLAIN THAT ANY STATEMENTS CAB ISSUES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE DESIGNED AS U.S. EFFORT TO IMPOSE ITS VIEWS ON REST OF CIVAIR COMMUNITY BUT RATHER AS CONTRIBUTION TO AVOIDING POTENTIAL DIFFICULT CONFRONTATIONS IN 1974 THAT COULD BE SERIOUSLY DAMAGING TO ALL INTERESTS CONCERNED.

5. LONDON, PARIS, BONN, ROME, THE HAGUE, MADRID SHOULD ADD: WHILE RECOGNIZING DESIRABILITY OF CARRIERS IN FIRST INSTANCE FINDING APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS, GOVERNMENTS MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REALISTIC POSSIBILITY THAT CARRIERS ON(E AGAIN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON IMPROVED PACKAGE. WITH THIS IN MIND, USG CONSIDERING FURTHER INFORMAL BILATERAL TALKS WITH KEY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. APPRECIATE HOST COUNTRY REACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO IDEA AND ANY THOUGHTS REGARDING TIMING AND PROCEDURES.
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